

Brookville City Council
Regular Meeting
February 3, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Brookville City Council was called to order by Mayor Letner at 7:30 p.m. on February 3, 2026. The meeting was held in the City Council Chambers. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Members Fowler, Hughes, Ledford, McNew, Piper; Manager Kuntz, Finance Director Brandt, Law Director Stephan, Fire Chief Fletcher, Police Chief Jerome and Clerk Duncan were present. Member Crane was absent.

Roll Call by Clerk Duncan.

Mayor Letner called for an addition to the Agenda to add an Executive Session for O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(8).

Motion by Piper, second by Fowler to accept the Agenda with an addition. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by McNew, second by Hughes to accept the Regular Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2026 as presented. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Kuntz expressed his thanks to the Brookville Service Department for working around the clock in response to the snowstorm, clearing snow from the roads and repairing multiple broken water mains in the middle of the night during this snap of frigid weather. Manager Kuntz advised there is a lot more than plowing and dropping salt that goes into snow events. There is vehicle maintenance, material loading, maintaining appropriate safety measures and ensuring their day-to-day responsibilities are taken care of. After events, the service department has to move snow from parking lots, post-storm vehicle maintenance and getting the city back in order, all the while ensuring the entire city's infrastructure is running as smoothly as possible. Manager Kuntz stated we only have 12 full-time employees, and they often do the work of at least twice that number.

Manager Kuntz also thanked the police and fire departments for all their work during the storm. There have been many examples of them going over and beyond to help residents and businesses here in Brookville. Manager Kuntz thanked the administrative staff for their work behind the scenes, stating January is often one of the busiest times of the year for several of our departments. Our staff has done a great job of putting in extra work to keep things on schedule and the city moving forward. Manager Kuntz commented we have a great staff across the board, and these events demonstrate everyone's hard work and dedication to the City of Brookville. Manager Kuntz stated we are very lucky to have a great team, and he personally does not take any of them for granted.

Manager Kuntz requested City Council award the contract for the McKinley Street Bridge Reconstruction Project to Brumbaugh Construction in the amount of \$365,787.

Motion by Fowler, second by Piper to award the contract for the McKinley Street Bridge Reconstruction Project to Brumbaugh Construction in the amount of \$365,787. All yeas, motion carried.

Manager Kuntz reported Chairperson Rob Rutherford of the Brookville Charter Review Commission will give a presentation of the final draft of recommendations to City Council at the February 17, 2026 City Council meeting.

Manager Kuntz reported February's Age Friendly Lunch and Learn is scheduled for February 18 at the Christena Leiber Center in Golden Gate Park. Adam Blevins will be the guest speaker and will discuss the roles and activities of the Brookville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Park Board with the group. Those interested in attending the event, sponsored by Brookhaven

Retirement Community, should contact Age Friendly Director Ronda Dittrick by February 16, 2026.

Manager Kuntz reminded everyone the City of Vandalia will be at the Brookville City Building to help residents with their income tax filings on Friday, March 27, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and again on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Manager Kuntz stated there is an item on the agenda to designate Clerk Duncan as the public records manager and authorized designee for elected officials for Sunshine Law training. Manager Kuntz advised the training would be beneficial to all Council members and encourage them to take personally attend the online training.

Finance Director Brandt requested Council approval of proposed Ordinance No. 2026-04 to assess delinquent utility bills and proposed Ordinance No. 2026-05 to assess for mowing certain properties in the City of Brookville.

Finance Director Brandt requested Council adopt proposed Resolution No. 26-02, which establishes the compensation of the City Manager, which was calculated incorrectly in the new employment contract.

Motion by Fowler, second by Piper to read proposed Ordinance No. 2026-04. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by McNew, second by Hughes to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2026-04. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fowler, second by Piper to read proposed Ordinance No. 2026-05. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by McNew, second by Ledford to accept the first reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2026-05. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Ledford, second by McNew to read proposed Resolution No. 26-02. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Ledford, second by Piper to accept the first, dispense with the second and third reading and adopt Resolution No. 26-02 entitled "A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY MANAGER." All yeas, motion carried.

Fire Chief Fletcher reported the month of January was an average month, without a large spike in seasonal injuries or increase in calls due to the storm. There has been an uptick in cardiac arrest calls as this is a tough time of year for our at-risk population. Fire Chief Fletcher advised he has attended several meetings with Clay Township regarding a fire levy they are considering.

Police Chief Jerome stated he is excited to announce the Police Department will be holding a weeklong CSI summer camp for kids in grades 4-6 this summer.

Police Chief Jerome thanked the residents that moved their vehicles off the streets during the recent snow event. Unfortunately, a few cars had to be towed, despite the many reminders that were posted for days prior to the event.

Police Chief Jerome announced the trial period for the Flock camera system has been extended to March 18. One representative from Flock Safety is present this evening and a second representative, detained by travel, should arrive shortly. They plan to discuss the operational details of the Flock system and answer questions from the public regarding the cameras.

Mayor Letner stated the meeting will continue to move forward and we will come back to the Flock presentation once the second representative arrives.

Law Director Stephan had no report.

Mayor Letner expressed his appreciation to the Service Department for the many hours of hard work they have put in during this storm event. Mayor Letner announced the grand opening event for the new Goodwill store is this Thursday morning and encouraged everyone to attend.

Discussion followed. Participants expressed concerns about privacy and trust. Some view the camera system as a surveillance tool that may not fit a small, close-knit community like Brookville. Comments were made about several cities that have canceled contracts with the camera company due to privacy breaches and data sharing issues. Flock representatives emphasized their technology is meant to be a resource for police, not an invasive surveillance system. The company supports law enforcement while acknowledging a few misconduct cases; most agencies act responsibly. Local control allows communities to decide data sharing practices based on their values.

Motion by Ledford, second by Piper to read proposed Ordinance No. 2026-03. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Piper, second by Fowler to accept the second reading of proposed Ordinance No. 2026-03. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Ledford, second by Piper to designate Clerk Duncan as the public records manager and authorized designee for elected officials for Sunshine Law certification training. All yeas, motion carried.

Dylan Newsom, 509 Salem, had comments on needed infrastructure upgrades in the older parts of town. Mr. Newsom thanked the residents and Council members for their roles in bringing Goodwill to the Brookville community.

Adrien Angel, 8 Larry Court, stated his meeting with Police Chief Jerome was productive and thanked him for taking the time to meet.

Lucas Corder, 8923 National Road, expressed concerns about privacy and the safety of the community, as well as the controversy that the installation of Flock cameras has created within the community. Mr. Corder encouraged Council to opt out of the Flock camera system before it is too late.

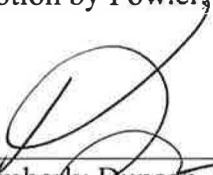
Kyle Bartel, Flock Safety Account Executive, gave a power point presentation on the Flock cameras. Kerry McCormack, Public Affairs Manager arrived.

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Motion by Fowler, second by Piper to go into Executive Session on O.R.C. 121.22 (G)(8) to consider confidential information involving negotiations with another political subdivision on a request for economic development assistance. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Piper, second by McNew to go back into Regular Session. All yeas, motion carried.
Motion by Ledford, second by Fowler to direct staff to prepare a response addressing the northwest initiative. All yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fowler, second by Piper to adjourn. All yeas, motion carried.



Kimberly Duncan, Clerk



Charles Letner, Mayor